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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1908.

RECENTLY, from the 15th to the 18th September, the Third International Congress, for the History of Religions was held at Oxford, and many papers of interest, of the opposite, were read. Of course, from the nature of the subject matter the Congress had nothing to do with doctrinal theology, being only concerned with the history and anthropology of the various religions under discussion. Largely the papers read showed in how many points the various developments of religious belief from whatever country, or whatever race they had been collected, coincided; but this, it is natural to presume, in each case proceeded from the fact that mankind is human, and that even in its relations with the invisible it cannot escape from the bonds and limitations of human instinct. A formidable programme, dividing the business before the meeting into nine sections, each with its president, was prepared; and each president had to give his presidential address, so that at first sight a large increase in our exotic knowledge of the religion or religions of the world might have been anticipated. If so the result hardly coincided with the hope, and little progress seems to have been made. Perhaps it proved to be the case, that in excluding the esoteric element all the discussions lost their main ground of interest. An instance of this was afforded in the presidential address on Celtic Religions

delivered by Sir JOHN RAY. Fifty years ago every one supposed he had quite sufficient knowledge on the subject; men, presumed to be learned, discussed druids and priests, and rites and sacrifices, as if they knew all about them; and history books told the then rising generation these imaginings, as if they were stern incontrovertible facts. Later study of the few authorities that we possess have long ago decided that these romantic tales of white-robed processions, and congregations of kneeling worshippers, which have played so prominent a part in our supposed history, must all be relegated to the realm of fancy. Sir JOHN RAY, in pointing this out to his hearers merely confirmed on his high authority what had been before accepted by the more sober of archaeologists. What he stated as to the "precious" nature of our evidence as to Celtic religions, and the fact that our knowledge was "inferential only" may well be borne in mind by many of our professors to knowledge of subjects nearer home.

An instance of this was afforded by Professor GILES, speaking on Chinese religion. He told his hearers that the Chinese had a sky-god, T'ien, who received, however, neither respect nor sacrifice, and that eventually this power became an abstraction. Now we are not going to cavil at this explanation, which, as we all know, contains a large measure of truth. If we only look at the matter exteriorly, it by no means, even so contains the whole truth; and viewed esoterically, hardly contains any at all. It is not, for instance, true that T'ien receives neither respect nor sacrifice; the exception here, as in so many other cases, going far to establish the rule. T'ien, in fact, receives so high honour and exalted sacrifice that only the Emperor himself is competent to offer them; T'ien, and T'ien alone, being his superior in the celestial hierarchy. Nor is this cult of any late or modern introduction; historically, indeed, it may claim to be the direct descendant of the ancient worship paid to the Celestial Powers by the remote ancestors of the imperial Chinese in the realms of the traditional Airyano Vaejo, far off in Central Asia. The Pansy Vedidat tells how Yima, first of mortals, stepped forth to the glowing south to meet the Sun; pressed the earth with his golden harrow, and bored it with his goad; still annually the Emperor of CHINA at the equinox performs the like rite, in deference to the great Ruler of the Heavens, his only

concomitant to worship in his capacity of heaven's representative on earth. But having gone so far afield, we may profitably pursue the subject a little further; T'ien is in fact the modern Chinese representative of one of the oldest of religious generalisations. The idea is found in practically all the older religions of the world as the deity who presides over the sky, and whose power stretches from zenith to horizon all round. As lord of the over reaching sky, he has command of the storms and the thunder, and his name as stretcher or thunderer for the two facts almost inseparably one into the other—is to be found in nearly all the principal languages of Europe and Asia. The Greek word *tonos*, implying both a spanning and a sound, is a good example; a similar one is found in the Gothic *thun-ga* to stretch, extend, and old Saxon *thunar*, thunder, the Latin *tonitruum*. But in all these languages we find a form of the word applied likewise to the great Sky God, originally the "Extender" but who in all came to be likewise the "Thunderer" who wields his bolt for the punishment of the evil-doer.

It is instructive to find not only the same idea, but the same word entering into the earliest Chinese with which we are acquainted, the Shi King. In its old ballads, which both chronologically and in subject matter may be compared with the ballads woven into the opus of HOMER, we find the Sky God invariably spoken of as T'ientse, for the application of this term to the reigning sovereign did not occur till centuries later, when Crows had long ceased to be anything more than a mere name. But the word, now called in modern Chinese T'ientse, was in the old days pronounced T'ien-er, or Tausar, the *tee* being only the nominal ending, still surviving in North China as the sound represented by *erh*. In the Ballads, and notably in the Lu-Yue, the Wang is spoken of as acting under the orders of T'ientse; in the second verse of the ballad mentioned (Shi, II, iii), we are told in so many words:—"The King takes command of the expedition. As the vice-regent of T'ientse," not here the "son of Heaven"—an invention of later days—but the "Spanner" himself, whose realm included all under the heaven. T'ientse, thus becomes the early Chinese equivalent of the Goio Thunar, better known to us in his Norse title of Thor; but not only of the Norse Thor, but as well of the Vedic Indra, whose name and attributes we find to have been precisely similar.

But we can go further afield. When the Hellenes, as descendants of Heracles overran Greece, and dispossessed the old Pelagic inhabitants, they yet respected their exalted deity, the northern Thor; of all fables in their new country they held in highest reverence that of the "Pelagic" Zeus at Dodona in Epirus. But the name Dodona here betrays its origin; it is in fact, but the Hellenic pronunciation of Celtic Thor-tona, where the final *tona*, is the same adjectival termination as in *Cor-tona*, *Pop-tona*, &c. Though Thor had given place to the more particularly Aryan Zeus, (the Sanskrit Dyaus, Lithuanian Devas), the fane, Thor-tona, "Place of Thor", still remained to show what was the real character of the worship to which it was dedicated. Want of sufficient knowledge to grasp the ancient phonetic relations of the language, has in this, as in so many other instances, been the cause of the popular idea as to the presumed isolated nature of Ancient China. As a fact, the more we study the remains of the older language handed down across the stream of the ages, the more have we to recognise the identity in language and thought of the old settlers from the West in Northern China, and the wide-spread, fair-haired race from which we ourselves claim descent, and which has likewise given us its primitive cult and civilisation.

The Dalai Lama had decided to leave Peking for Tibet on the 23rd inst.

For stealing 82 pieces of wool from the Tung Wah Hospital Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday sentenced a native to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The second of the series of practice dances in connection with St. Andrew's ball took place at the City Hall last night, when there was a very large attendance.

Mr. Gale, the Attorney General for the Philippines is at present a visitor to Hongkong. He spent some time in the Supreme Court yesterday.

The American Consulate General, Hongkong, received the following typhoon warning: "Hongkong, November 18, 1908. 5 p.m. Cyclone or typhoon E. of the northern Visayas or south-eastern Luzon moving W. or W.N.W."

At the Magistracy yesterday a native who was found guilty of stealing 2lb. of copper sheeting from the Dock Company's works was sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood to imprisonment for one month.

The following questions were tabulated for discussion by the Chinese Government after the Birthday festivities:—(1) Reform in Tibet; (2) The reform of officials; (3) The raising of funds for the Navy.

The theatres at Canton have been closed by official order. The Provincial Treasurer will shortly issue a proclamation informing the people of what may not be done during the 100 days' State mourning and the penalty for non-compliance with the order.

Detective-Sergeant Terrett proceeded against two natives before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Police Court yesterday for stealing \$1,723 worth of clothing from a residence in Wing Lok Street. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defendants, and the case was remanded.

An unusual case was heard before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday when a woman nurse was charged with disobeying lawful orders, otherwise, refusing to smoke a child. His Worship held the offence proven on the evidence, and fined the defendant \$5.

The annual report of the Corinthian Yacht Club states that General Sir Charles Warren, who since the death of his son, the late Capt. Warren, has taken a great interest in the club, has very generously given a donation to cover the cost of the prize presented to the winner of the Warren Memorial Challenge Cup.

"An evening with humbly of various nationalities" is the subject of this (Thursday) evening's meeting of the Literary Club, when the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, Dr. A. P. Wilder, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. B. James and Mr. W. H. Williams will take part. The chair is to be taken at 9 p.m. sharp by Mr. W. C. Humphreys, and the public are cordially invited.

The Hongkong Volunteer Troop are to ride round the island on Sunday, via Shaikwan, Stanley and Deep Water Bay. Lieut. C. H. Ross has been granted one month's leave of absence. Corporal C. H. Blason is promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will command the troop during the absence of Lieut. Ross from the Colony. Troopers G. E. Morrell and C. C. F. Cunningham have been promoted to be corporals.

We learn from a Peking contemporary that the Wai Wu Pu has forwarded a despatch to the Viceroy of Chihli stating that the Board has consented at the request of the German Minister, to allow him to take charge of the affairs of Turks and Armenians in China. These are subjects of non-trustworthy powers resident in China and they are therefore under Chinese control the same as ordinary Chinese subjects. He is also requested that it should be noted that no passports will be issued to people of these races and if they travel, and trouble ensues, they will be treated as Chinese subjects.

THE SITUATION AT PEKING.

TOKYO, November 18th.

A prominent Japanese official has expressed his personal opinion that there will be a unanimous acceptance of the position at Peking, and a peaceful and progressive future for China.

NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

The Canton correspondent of the *Chung Kuo San Po* (Chinese Daily Press) writing under yesterday's date, says that the brother of a Peking official, resident in Canton, has received a telegram stating that when the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager was announced great excitement prevailed, and trouble was anticipated. All fears, however, were dispelled with the appointment of the new Emperor, and the capital is now quiet.

THE MOURNING.

China will go into mourning to-day. A mourning service for the late Emperor is to be held in the Wong Fa Kun palace at Canton. This building is maintained for the housing of special ambassadors who may be sent from Peking to inquire into local affairs. The mourning service for the Empress Dowager will be held in the Man Shan Kang, a building at which the Two Kwang officials assemble on special occasions to pay respects to the sovereign.

For 27 days all Chinese citizens are required to wear proper mourning, and within 100 days from the date of the Emperor's death no Chinese is allowed to shave his head. No marriages permitted to take place until a month has passed since the monarch's death. No doubt it was anticipation of this order which hastened the union of numerous lovers in Canton, for on Monday no fewer than 100 marriages were celebrated. All places of amusement are to be closed, and there will be no issue of newspapers for three days commencing from to-day. Schools also close for three days, and so do many places of business. To-day the leading merchants of the 72 guilds are to assemble at the Chamber of Commerce to hold a mourning service.

On the day when the despatch from the capital announcing the death of the Emperor, and Empress Dowager is expected, all officers, civil and military, and the gentry and elders, will assemble at the Government wharf to accept the despatch bearing the sad tidings, and to convey their respects to the present Emperor.

Japan papers report the death of Professor Edwin Emerson, formerly of Tokyo and latterly of Yokohama. He caught a chill during the visit of the American Fleet, and this developed into pneumonia from which death resulted.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday B. Malosovsky was prosecuted by Detective Sergeant Appleton for being in unlawful possession of five cases of cigarettes, valued at \$200, and for selling the same. The defendant pleaded not guilty, stating that he bought the cigarettes in Amoy. The hearing was adjourned until Saturday, bail being fixed in the sum of \$4,000.

The Corinthian Yacht Club of Hongkong has now a membership of 250 and a fleet of 42 yachts and motor boats. It is stated in the annual report that the existing Club House is far too small for the Club's present needs and the committee have been in communication with the Authorities for permission to enclose part of the adjacent waste land and build an additional dressing room, boat house, etc., but up to the present no reply has been received to the application. As the matter of enlarging the club house is urgent the committee will give it every attention.

Our attention has been drawn to an error in a report of certain proceedings at the Police Court which appeared in our yesterday's issue under the heading "A Domestic Quarrel." Mr. Gardiner was reported as saying that "the complainant was the concubine of the late proprietor of the International Bank." We are informed that the name of the Bank should have been the National Bank. As the same error appears in another newspaper report of the proceedings we presume it was a slip on Mr. Gardiner's part. We gladly make the correction and trust the error will cause no further inconvenience to Mr. In Ku Ui, the proprietor of the International Banking Corporation.

The Queen's College magazine remarks that it is peculiarly gratifying to find in the first batch of 36 students selected by examination to enter the Customs College at Peking, no fewer than fourteen are from Queen's College—thirteen appearing on this year's roll. The writer in the magazine adds: "The success of these boys is one of the most remarkable recommendations we have ever received, and one of which we are emphatically proud. The more the list is examined, the more reason we have to feel elate for the seventeen successful candidates at the Canton centre, all but three are our pupils. We are told that among the nineteen other boys from the rest of China, there are probably some old Q. C. boys. We shall be glad to hear of them when their identity is satisfactorily established. From candidates who sat at Canton, we learn that above five hundred candidates offered themselves on the first day. After an examination in English, reading and conversation, this number was reduced to eighty-one. It was then those boys who were examined on the three subsequent days. The first two days were occupied with Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Grammar, Geography, Dictation, Physics, Chinese to English, and English to Chinese; on the last day, the subjects were Chinese Essay, letter in Chinese, and explanation of extracts from the Four Books. It will be seen that the examination was long and searching. Those who came through the ordeal with flying colours have cause to be satisfied. We heartily congratulate our boys on their signal success. *Floral College Magazine*."

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

GERMAN CRISIS ENDED.

LONDON, November 18th.

An official communiqué states that notwithstanding the exaggerations of public criticism, the Emperor considers it his highest duty to safeguard the stability and policy of the empire without prejudice to his constitutional responsibility. Accordingly he approved the Chancellor's declarations, and assured Prince Buelow of his continued confidence.

The German Press considers that the crisis is ended.

INDIAN POLITICAL TROUBLE.

LONDON, November 18th.

The Viceroy of India proposes the adoption of drastic summary measures to deal with political offenders.

JAPANESE NAVAL REVIEW.

TOKYO, November 18th.

H.I.H. the Emperor reviewed the fleet at Kobe to-day, when practically the whole of the navy assembled.

Yesterday's postponement was a disappointment to the enormous concourse of people who had foregathered.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, November 18th.

Montenegro has protested to Austria against violations of the frontier by Austrian guards, one of which has been captured, his companions escaping. Austria denies that the frontier has been crossed. There is great excitement in Ostijina.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, November 18th.

The assassin of Mr. Henry has committed suicide in jail.

THE DEATH OF THE EMPEROR AND DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA.

LONDON, November 18th.

The Chinese Embassy in Australia have received a telegram suggesting foul play in connection with the death of the Emperor of China.

The newspapers earnestly hope that dynastic changes will not affect the tranquillity of China and emphasize the responsibility of the Regent.

The Times remarks that the death of the Empress necessarily implies some modification of policy, and although the promise of constitutional government remains unaltered in the Imperial edict, the reforming spirit is working in many ways. Whether under the new regime the Court will be less reactionary, is a problem the solution of which will be awaited with intense interest.

THE FRENCH COLONIAL ESTIMATES.

LONDON, November 18th.

During the discussion of the French Colonial Forces Estimates in the Chamber, Admiral Benaime denounced the Japanese anti-French propaganda in Indo-China. The Minister of Education and the Minister for the Colonies declared that there was no cause for uneasiness. The population was rejoicing in civilization brought by France, and the Franco-Japanese Agreement had been a happy event for Indo-China.

THE SLAM RICE CROP.

A Government official who has an extensive knowledge of the country, and who has been visiting the rice-growing areas, gives it as his opinion that the crop at the present time promises to be a bumper one. He estimates that the amount of paddy sown by the excessive rains and high water will be not more than half a million rais. The increased area under cultivation of course largely exceeds this amount. This year too very large districts of the high land, which have been out of cultivation as far as paddy growing is concerned for a number of seasons, have owing to the abundance of water become paddy producing ground. The estimated total loss by excess of water is less than would occur in a dry season, while in an average season, the higher land would be out of cultivation. Altogether the forthcoming harvest should be a highly satisfactory one, especially for the farmers.

The Mail papers report: 1,500 tons No. 1 Garden Shell, Jan.-Feb. shipment, at 6d. 6. f. and i. Holland.

Europe shipping is taking an active interest in the market and we are not far wrong in any that at least 25,000 tons of rice have already been bought for next season. This is a good start. About this time last year millers' ideas of price for No. 1 garden rice per picul were somewhere in the neighbourhood of 7s. 6d. to 7s. 7.5 per picul, and at the present time business is being done at 7s. 5.5 to 7s. 6.5 per picul. This year as last the Banks' buying rates for sterling bills in London are high.—*Bangkok Times*, November 4th.

INTERESTING TO TRADERS.

DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN TREATY PORTS AND HONGKONG.

Yesterday the Chief Justice in the course of his judgment in the action in which Messrs. Reuter, Brockmann and Co. are defendants made some observations which are of vital interest to China traders. He said:—

A certain sugar firm, the Cheong Loong, composed of two partners Wong Yin Nam and Leung Tsai Pan, were in business in Hongkong and had dealings with Messrs. Reuter, Brockmann, the defendant's branch house in the Colony. At the time immediately preceding the occurrences which led to this suit, the Cheong Loong had contracted to purchase sugar to the extent of about \$50,000, in three contracts. Delivery had been taken of a certain amount of the sugar, and \$5,000 had been paid on account, but a considerable quantity, 4,000 bags, had not been taken, and consequently remained in godown. On the construction of the contracts, I have no doubt that the property in this sugar had not passed to the Cheong Loong, but remained with Reuter, Brockmann and Co.; that their right was to sell the sugar speedily and obtain the best prices they could, and to prove in the bankruptcy of the firm for the difference—whereon they would have received the small dividend of 340 per cent. I have no doubt further, all the parties to the transaction being within the jurisdiction of this Court, and the transaction itself having been concluded in Hongkong, that Messrs. Reuter, Brockmann and Co. were subject to the jurisdiction of this Court in the matter of this bankruptcy. This aspect of the case was not very much referred to in argument, but it is sufficiently material for me to deal with it. All persons in the Colony, British subjects or aliens who are creditors of a bankrupt who is before the Court in bankruptcy, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. There is no doubt that if assets belonging to the bankrupt are discovered in another country and a creditor endeavours to obtain them for his own benefit, the Court has some jurisdiction to control his action, and this, if he is within the jurisdiction, whether he has proved in the bankruptcy or not. It is not necessary to define with precision to what extent that jurisdiction goes; it is sufficient to note that it exists; also that the discovery of a partner in another country whose property could be brought into the bankrupt estate for the benefit of the creditors comes within the meaning of assets as above referred to. Further that if Reuter, Brockmann and Co's application to the German Consul for assistance in recovering such assets in Canton came within the terms of the jurisdiction clause of the Treaty of Tientsin, so also would an application by the Trustee in bankruptcy to the British Consul for similar assistance be within those clauses. And for myself I have no doubt whatever that what Messrs. Reuter, Brockmann and Co. did in the instance was an attempt to *pass out* the Trustee in the Cheong Loong bankruptcy. They did not prove in that bankruptcy, but endeavoured to obtain a payment of the whole sum due to them by application to the German Consul; and I have no doubt that, at least during the pendency of the bankruptcy proceedings before this Court, this was in violation of the bankruptcy laws of this Colony, under the protection of which they carry on their business in this Colony. Action of this sort is most prejudicial to the other traders of all nationalities as well as British, in Hongkong, and must therefore be also highly prejudicial to the great international trade of the Colony. It is one of those "loose ends" which result from the consular jurisdiction treaties with China, and which it would be for the benefit of all concerned in the commercial welfare of this Colony, to get rid of by putting the whole matter on a more satisfactory and equitable basis. I am bound to allude to this matter, because I think it is of the utmost importance that the innumerable foreign firms who trade in this Colony should realise it. That large measure of freedom of trade and access to our Courts which has been accorded to "merchant strangers repairing into the realm of England," not to be described as the "open door," for since Magna Charta and the 14th year of Richard II there has never been a door to close, carries with it implicit obedience to our laws which, I believe, are framed in the best interests of this free commerce. It is just this which makes the difference between trading in a British Colony and trading in a Treaty Port. I think it right to add what I have said that the error into which Messrs. Reuter, Brockmann and Co. fell, and which was the origin of all this litigation, was perhaps due to the fact that the firm trades in so many Treaty Ports in the East as well as in Hongkong, that this essential distinction between Hongkong and the rest of the East had somewhat escaped them.

THE PAPAL JUBILEE.

The following telegram was received yesterday at 2.15 p.m. by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni from His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Secretary of Pontifical State, Vatican, Rome, in reply to the telegram despatched to His Holiness, the Pope, by the Hongkong Roman Catholics on the 16th instant:—

"Pozzoni, Hongkong
The Holy Father thanks, amiably sends the requested Blessing.
Cardinal MERRY DEL VAL."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Indo-China str. *Kamsung* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL—Keep your complexion Mrs. Ellen's Crème Chamoille, Lait Chamoille and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Chamoille will enable you to do it. Her specialities for the skin are the study of a lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Sole Agents. 622

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Goods at present in the custody of the above named Company will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION by Mr. G. P. LAMBERT at his Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, on SATURDAY the 5th day of December, 1908 unless the same are previously taken delivery of and the charges due in respect thereof paid.

11 cases JAPANESE WARE Nos. 252, 438, 439, 497, 525/526, 718/719, 803, 820 stored to the order of Woon Kee under Warrant 3539 in Company's West Point Godown No. 2, Upper on 25th April, 1905, 3 cases JAPANESE WARE, Nos. 246, 249, 250 stored to the order of Woon Kee under Warrant 5390 in the Company's West Point Godown No. 7, Upper on 19th March, 1906.

R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [1588]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT has received instruction from the Mortgagee to Sell by Public Auction:

On FRIDAY, the 4th December, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

The following VERY VALUABLE LEASE-HOLD PROPERTY situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, namely:

All those Two Pieces or Parcels of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid, registered in the Land Office respectively as SECTION "N" OF MARINE LOT No. 90 and SECTION "C" OF MARINE LOT No. 91 together with all the messuages thereon known as Nos. 11, 13 and 15, Tsz Mr. ALLEY, Victoria aforesaid. Annual Crown Rent payable in respect of SECTION "N" OF MARINE LOT No. 90 one pound sterling and in respect of SECTION "C" OF MARINE LOT No. 91, 10 shillings. Area, Section "N" of Marine Lot No. 90 contains 1527 Sq. ft. or thereabouts and Section "C" of Marine Lot No. 91 contains 375 Sq. ft. or thereabouts.

The said Lots are held respectively for the respective residue of the term of 999 years and 999 years.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to:

S. W. TSO,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee

MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [1587]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [18]

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"MATOPPO,"

Captain Dornand, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 24th Nov., at 8 P.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Nov. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be countersigned by S. E. W. T. & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. [189]

NOW READY.

THE IMPERIAL ANGLO-CHINESE

DIARY, 350

THE IMPERIAL ANGLO-CHINESE

DAILY BLOCK

75 CENTS

KELLY & WALSH LD.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1908. [1578]

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in LIGHT, MEDIUM and DARK BROWN

as supplied to Members of the A.D.C.

Ladies, please inspect our Stock before we are run out.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,

No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1908. [651]

PUBLIC COMPANY

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of the year 1908, of Thirty Cents per share, will be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after FRIDAY, 27th November, 1908, on Warrants to be obtained at the Company's Office.

The Dividend will also be Payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on and after the same date.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 24th instant, until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares will be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1908. [1585]

INTIMATIONS

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out under:

On WEDNESDAY, the 18th November:—

From Stonecutters S.D. in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 7,000 yards, commencing at 8.30 A.M. and finishing at 12 Noon.

On THURSDAY and MONDAY, the 19th and 23rd November:—

From Stonecutters S.D. in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 7,000 yards, commencing at 8.30 A.M. and finishing at 12 Noon.

On TUESDAY, the 24th November:—

From Stonecutters S.D. in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 12 Noon.

On WEDNESDAY and MONDAY, the 24th and 30th November:—

From Stonecutters S.D. in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 7,000 yards, commencing at 7 P.M. and finishing at 10 P.M.

On MONDAY, the 30th November:—

From Stonecutters S.D. in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 12 Noon.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

C. W. BECKWITH, Lieutenant, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1908. [1569]



SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
Hongkong.

To the OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BYE-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the EASTERN Division of the City of Victoria and the EASTERN Division of Kowloon occupied by members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon, South of Austin Road or those parts of a domestic building used as a Shop, Office or Godown must be CLEANED and LIME-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of October and November.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the house should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room, all outside partitions, stair casings and stair landings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The backyard must have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed but must be cleaned.

The Eastern Division of the City is bounded on the West by Gilman Street and Pool Street, Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North end thereof through the Taumau Reservoir to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

The Government Lime-washing Contractor is prepared to cleanse and lime-wash floors at the rate of \$1.10 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1908. 1561

REMOVAL.

THE Office of MR. O. D. THOMSON, Solicitor has been REMOVED to No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1908. [1571]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREWS BALL, November 30th, 1908, and ONE PRACTICE DANCE, on WEDNESDAY, 25th November, from 5 to 7 P.M.

Scotsmen (Naval, Military, or Members of the Civil Community) desiring to Subscribe to the above are requested to forward their names to the undersigned.

No Scotsman can attend the Dance and Practice but as a Subscriber.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1908. [1399]

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE.

FROM 10TH TILL 30TH NOVEMBER.

CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND INDIAN

SILK, CREPE, CANTON LINES,

EMBROIDERIES, SHAWLS, LACES,

CARPETS, RUGS, DRAPEERY, FANCY

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BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

Kindly note that the above Articles are suitable for presents for Christmas and New Year.

Inspection early solicited.

D. CHELLARM,
2, D'Aguiar Street.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1908. [1563]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.
Under the Distinguished Patronage of

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A GRAND CONCERT

In aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home (Arsenal Street).

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SATURDAY,

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Dress Circle \$3.00

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SERVICE TICKETS HALF-PRICE.

Plan and Booking at S. MOUTRIE & Co.,
Chater Road.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1908. [1504]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

On MONDAY,

the 23rd November, 1908, at 11 A.M., at Hor Yick's Timber Yard, Kennedy Town, if not cleared previously by CONSIGNEE.

N/M. 2012 PIECES WOOD (6' 6" by 4"), Arrived 14th December, 1907, Per S.S. "TAINGTAV" from Bangkok.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. F. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1908. [1586]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1883.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

MESSES. IP WING CHO, FUNG CHAI YU, IP KAM KWONG, WONG YAT WAN, and PUN LAM SANG, trading together under the Style or Firm of the TUNG FU TAI Firm, of No. 60, Connaught Road West, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on the 24th day of June, 1908, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following

TRADE MARK:—

The representation of Two Dragons, one on either side, in an upright position, facing each other, between them two flags in flight, above the Plims and Plains the Dragon be as a Ball of Fire, in the name of IP WING CHO, FUNG CHAI YU, IP KAM KWONG, WONG YAT WAN, and PUN LAM SANG, who claim to be the Proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the applicants since the year 1906 in respect of the following Goods:—

MATCHES in Class 47.

A Facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Official Secretary of Hongkong and also at the Office of the Undersigned.

Dated the 18th day of September, 1908.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

1, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

FOR SALE

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AS a going concern, a Large DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the most central part of the town, together with the unexpired portion of the lease of the premises.

For Particulars apply to:

Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 14th November, 1908. [1567]

FOR SALE.

THREE GOOD BUTTERFLY CABINETS.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1908. [1541]

CHINA EXPRESS CO.,

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Hongkong, 5th August, 1908. [1050]

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TO LET.

ROOMS in Hotel MANSTONS, suitable for Office or Chambers.

Apply to: HENRY HUMPHREYS,
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Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [1550]

TO LET.

NO. 17 and 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.

Apply to: COMPTON'S DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1908. [88]

TO LET.

FROM 1st DECEMBER, 1908, "FUNG SHUI" PLANTATION ROAD.

THE PEAK:—The house is a modern building situated and within easy distance of the tram, is fully furnished and contains Drawing and Dining Rooms, Three Large and One Small Bedrooms, Dressing and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen and Laundry, Servants' Quarters, Poultry House, Large Vegetable Garden (planted with English seeds) Flower Garden and Lawn.

For further particulars apply to: JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors.

8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1908. [1536]

TO LET

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OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply: SECRETARY,
A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [91]

TO LET.

COAL YARD, Immediate Possession.

A PORTION OF THE COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East.

Apply to: N. MODY & CO., 1342

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to: CHATER & MODY,
Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [1452]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNUITSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON.

Apply to: THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1908. [85]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14 Des Voeux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHEWAN TOMES & Co.)

Apply to: THE COMPTON DEPARTMENT,
E. D. SASSON & CO.,
Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. [947]

TO LET.

NO. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to: SAM WANG CO., LTD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. [90]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from 1st March next. Excellently furnished, Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Apply to: HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 6th October, 1908. [1372]

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TO BE LET, A PORTION OF MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER-FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Apply to: ALAN FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE.

For Particulars apply to: GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [84]

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A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RYDON TERRACE.

No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

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THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The following letter was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,
10th November, 1908.
Sir—With reference to my letter No. 5778/1904 of the 25th August 1904, I am directed to transmit for the information of your Chamber the enclosed copy of a despatch from Sir John Jordan dated the 22nd ultimo. I am, &c., Your obedient servant.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
The Secretary,
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

British Legation,
Peking, 22nd October, 1908.
Sir—With reference to my despatch of 8th January last, I have the honour to transmit herewith to Your Excellency copies of an Imperial Decree issued on October 5th, and of the Memorial of the Government Council upon which it was based, relating to the introduction of a uniform silver currency throughout the Empire of which a coin weighing one K'ung Ping or Treasury Tael is to be the unit.

I have thought it might be possibly of use to Your Excellency and the Chamber of Commerce to have an authorised translation of these documents.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

J. N. JORDAN,
His Excellency Sir P. J. D. Lugard,
K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Governor and
Commander in Chief, Hongkong.

Translation.

DECREE.

Peking Gazette,
5th October, 1908.

An Imperial Decree in response to a memorial of Prince Ching and other Ministers of the Government Council, and of Prince P'u-lun and other Members of the Senate, who, in obedience to our Commands, have deliberated upon the subject of uniform national currency.

A standard currency, is the fundamental principle of public finance, and various countries have adopted a gold coin as their unit of value, with a subsidiary currency of silver and copper tokens. Under well-framed regulations such currencies have been found convenient and profitable. But it requires years of preparation to be ready for such a measure, which can by no means be attained at one step. The finances of China are in confusion and the standardising of the currency is an urgent necessity. If actual gold coins were to be taken as the standard unit, it would be difficult to raise the necessary amount; while if gold were merely placed nominally as the standard unit, grave dangers would be incurred. It is evident therefore that we should first standardise and render uniform the silver currency, and then carefully proceed to take measures for a further advance, with a view to assuring the adoption of a gold standard in the future.

The memorialists have pointed out that the use of the tael and its fractions has been so long established that it would be difficult to substitute any other denomination in its place. The Committee of Finance in a previous memorial also recommended the determination of the tael as the silver coin to be used.

We therefore command that a larger silver coin shall be struck weighing one K'ung Ping tael, and that large quantities of silver coins weighing 5 of a K'ung Ping Tael shall also be minted for general convenience in use. Also there shall be small pieces of one mace and of five candareens, of less pure silver, which will serve as subsidiary currency. The two silver coins aforesaid shall be 980 fine, while the two small silver pieces shall be 900 fine. This silver currency, except in so far as calculations under Treaties and Agreements with Foreign Powers will require to be made as before, shall be uniformly used by all Yamen, great or small, in Peking or the Provinces, in all their Treasury transactions, and all allowances for difference of weight or touch, or melting fees &c., &c., shall henceforth be perpetually forbidden.

Let the Governors General and Governors of Provinces examine the conditions in their jurisdiction and devise means in conjunction with the Board of Finance for determining afloat, either by increasing or decreasing as the case may be, the allowances and vice money of territorial authorities and tax-collectors while on duty together with expenditure for travelling on the public service, and let the rates be published openly by proclamation so that the populations of clerks may be abolished for ever.

As regards the diversity of silver currency in the various provinces, and the differences of touch, which give dishonest traders and market dealers the opportunity for demanding discounts and profits off each transaction, grievous injury is inflicted thereby on all classes, and the Board of Finance is now commanded to issue stringent regulations forbidding such practices in the future, with the view that in a given number of years the national silver currency may become completely uniform.

Until the new coinage has been minted in sufficient quantities in the Provinces, as well as the pieces may be used as before, for the time being, on the market, and treasury payments may still be made in specie for the present, but must year by year be diminished by the substitution of the new silver coinage. On these questions let the Board of Finance carefully consider the circumstances and take satisfactory steps for the execution of this measure.

Let this Decree be generally circulated in all parts.

Translation.

MEMORIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
(HUI I CHENG WU CHU) ON THE QUESTION
OF A UNIFORM NATIONAL CURRENCY.

The Special Envoy to America, Tang Shao-Yi having memorialised the Throne on September 22nd, praying that effect should be given to all the Articles of the Commercial Treaties, and that the question of currency should be speedily determined, the present memorialists were commanded to deliberate and report thereon without delay.

As the Throne is aware, the question of currency has been considered repeatedly by high authorities in the Capital, and investigated and reported upon by all the Provincial Authorities, Special Memoranda on the subject have also been submitted by Chinese Governors in Ch'uan-lin and Yuan Shih-kai, as well as by the Board of Finance, all of which, under a Decree of April 26th, were handed over to the Government Council and the Senate for consideration. All this shows sufficiently the great care which has been bestowed by the Throne on this important question.

Now, the freedom of communication throughout the world renders this question of currency of still greater importance than ever before, if we are to follow the rest of the world we should adopt a gold standard. But if the present conditions prevailing in China be our guide, we should use a silver standard. Moreover, if the principles underlying the development of currencies be examined, it will be found that

between the extreme one of copper and gold there must always be the intermediary stage of a silver currency; and for these reasons it is both right and suitable that China should now begin at first with a silver standard. But although the adoption of a silver currency has been unanimously advocated, there has been by no means the same unity of opinion as to whether it should be a gold or silver currency. The present memorialists have considered this point most profoundly, and from the reports of the Governors-General and Governors of Provinces that eleven Provinces favour the tael against eight in favour of the dollar the remainder either advocating the use of both concurrently, or proposing the introduction of a new coin of 7 mace.

Tang Tach'en in his Memorial also favoured the tael currency, and from the point of view of national dignity it seems to us that we ought to try and stand alone, and that we cannot afford to throw away our sovereign rights in order to gratify the wishes of others; while from the point of view of the people we should follow a course suitable to the greater number, and not change a tradition of the country for the convenience of open ports or trading ports. This is as much a fundamental principle for our guidance in making the enactment to-day, as it will be an essential factor for the future success of the measure itself; and as we have dealt with this point in previous Memorials there is no need to elaborate it further. We now propose merely to present a few of the principal arguments on both sides in the problem of adopting a dollar or a tael currency.

From the point of view of public convenience it has been said that as a large supply of dollars already exists, it would be simpler to extend their use than to adopt a tael currency. But it must be borne in mind that in every place where dollars are used it is always in combination with specie; while in all the places where specie is used it by no means follows that dollars are also current.

Chinese dollars were originally coined in order to oppose the invasion of the Mexican dollar, and it seems to us that if a national currency is specially established, everyone will have perfect confidence therein.

As regards the objection that the higher denomination will tend to raise the cost of living, while small denomination will tend to economy in prices, it must not be forgotten that besides the unit of value there must be fractional currency, and that a 5-mace piece will prove more convenient than one of 7 mace. Moreover the bulk of the people in their daily life mostly rely upon the copper currency, and if this has an unimpeded circulation there is no reason why habits of extravagance should be engendered.

It has been argued also that the value of a dollar approximates that of 1000 cash, and that with the principal and fractional coin so conveniently related calculations are simplified. But as long as the legal ratios of the currency are not fixed the market rates must constantly vary, and as nearly all the public and private transactions involve exchange between silver and cash the substitution of dollar values in place of the tael would only result in producing a complication of all fractions.

Another argument is that in all currencies coins should be reckoned by the pieces and not by the weight. But just as Dollars can be reckoned by the pieces, so also can the tael once they are struck into coins, and while the trouble of conversions and discounts will be saved, such coins will also fulfil the condition of corresponding in weight to their inscribed denomination.

To extend our argument further afield, in all our transactions with other countries, foreign obligations have always been liquidated in terms of tael. The Native Customs revenue, also, is expressed in terms of K'ung Ping taels. Foreign Commerce is carried on entirely by means of exchange calculations, and the price of the pound sterling fluctuates with the state of the silver market. By using a tael currency transactions can all proceed as before, and the extended use of such a coin cannot fail to prove advantageous.

The coinage of a tael currency was recommended by the Council of Finance. In Hapei and the New Dominion a tael currency has been in use for some years. The Board of Finance also held that if a silver currency were to be adopted there could be no harm in using a tael coin.

This, then, is also our present decision; and we have further recommended the suggestion of T'uan Fang to coin a large quantity of 5 mace pieces (half taels) to be of equal currency with the tael coins and be legal tender for any amount. Besides these 2 coins we propose that there should be 1 mace and 1/2 mace (5 candareens) pieces as subsidiary currency. These coins will in the future take the place of the 10 cent and 5 cent pieces of the past, and will prevent the rise of prices or difficulties in the daily life of people, besides forming part of our preparations for a gold standard.

As regards the national dollar coined by the Board of Finance the year before last, as an experiment, the intention was to make use of this coin temporarily, as being known to the people and easy to establish. But the uniform currency is to be sought, the standard can only be fixed after far-reaching investigation, and the present memorialists have formed the conclusion, after carefully weighing all considerations, that the long-established use of the tael and its fraction—the mace, candareen and mil—can hardly be altered or abolished.

The most suitable weight for the standard coin will be the K'ung Ping tael; and as regards fineness, it will be remembered that from the minting regulations drawn up by the Council of Finance and submitted to the Throne it appeared that a tael's weight of "full touch" silver, as generally used throughout China, actually contained when melted only 98 or 99 of a tael of pure silver; and they proposed therefore that a tael and 5 mace pieces should be 98 fine and 1 and 1/2 mace pieces 95 fine.

The recent memorandum of the Board of Finance observes further that Chinese specie has never actually been 100 per cent fine. Recent analysis have shown that the best does not reach 995 touch. Supposing therefore that coins of 100 per cent pure silver were struck, the use of broken silver could not well be suddenly abandoned as soon as the new coinage appeared, and this, together with the use of Mexican dollars and Chinese Provincial Dollars—which are all 6 old in fineness while passing for 6 odd of pure silver would lead to illicit melting down of the heavier coin, as invariably happens under such circumstances. In the memorandum of Chang Ching-ku, Lu Chan-an and Yuan Shih-kai it was observed that in the absence of a gold currency the tael must be 100 per cent fine though the subsidiary coinage could be about 9 touch. But objections have not been wanting, to show that a pure coin would be too soft for ordinary use.

Now it will be found that the Russian gold rouble piece weighs 6.554 grammes, of which only 6 grammes are pure gold. The Japanese gold yen, again, weighs 2.22 mace of which only 2 mace is pure gold. The remainder is alloy, but in use it all passes for pure gold. The same is found in all countries. Though we have not yet started a gold currency, and temporarily use silver to take its place, we must certainly follow the same plan. From recent experiments in minting we find a silver

coin with the addition of 5 per cent alloy makes a strong and clear ringing coin. Of course the expense of minting has to be considered and the labour and alloy, which is estimated at 3 per cent, can be paid for out of the profits accruing from the subsidiary coinage. If this is insufficient the profits from the copper currency could be drawn upon, and if that is still insufficient there remain the profits on the paper currency.

(The rest of the Memorial contains no further suggestions of importance.)

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF MORPHINE INTO CHINA.

The following letter was read:—
Colonial Secretary's Office
2nd November, 1908.

Sir—I am directed to transmit for the information of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a despatch from His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking with copy of the Notification issued by Sir J. N. Jordan to His Britannic Majesty's Consuls at the Treaty Ports in China.

I am, &c.,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
The Chamber of Commerce.

Copy.

Peking, 16th October, 1908.

Sir—I have the honour to transmit herewith, for Your Excellency's information, copy of a despatch which I have addressed to Sir Edward Grey on the subject of the proposal, of the Chinese Government to prohibit, under Article XI of the Mackay Treaty of September 5th, 1902, the importation, except for medical purposes, of morphine into this country.

On the receipt of a Note from the Wai wu-pu informing me that the Treaty Powers had assented to the enforcement of the prohibition, I telegraphed to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs proposing to publish a warning notification to British subjects. I have now received Sir Edward Grey's approval of this procedure, and the notification, which forms enclosure 4 to my despatch is accordingly being issued through His Majesty's Consuls at the Treaty Ports.

A King's Regulation making the Chinese Decree of prohibition binding upon British subjects will shortly be promulgated. I have, &c.,

J. N. JORDAN.
His Excellency,
Sir P. J. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.,
&c. &c. &c.

Circular.

British Legation,
Peking, 10th October, 1908.

Sir—I enclose for your information and guidance copies of correspondence with the Wai wu-pu in regard to Article XI of the British Chinese Treaty of September 5th, 1902 (Prohibition of the general importation of Morphine), which it has been agreed shall be brought into operation from January 1st 1909. You are requested to issue the Notification to British subjects which is enclosed, and to take whatever steps may be necessary to secure the proper fulfilment of the Treaty provisions pending the issue of a King's Regulation which is under consideration.—I have, &c.,

J. N. JORDAN.
His Majesty's Consul.

Translation.
PRINCE CHING TO H. M. MINISTER.

Peking, 28th September, 1908.
Sir—With reference to the question of prohibiting the importation of Morphine into China, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as a result of repeated representations on the part of this Board to the various Foreign Representatives in Peking, replies have now been received from each, signifying the concurrence of their respective Governments in such a measure, and whereas it should be given to this decision as soon as possible, it is now intended to prohibit the importation of any Chinese port, of Morphine or instruments for its injection from January 1st 1909.

As regards the supply necessary for medical purposes, the following method of procedure has been elaborated:—

"Any foreign doctor wishing to import morphine must execute a bond before His Consular Authorities declaring that it is for his own use or solely for use in a specified hospital."

"Any foreign druggist wishing to import morphine must similarly execute a bond before His Consular Authority pledging himself not to retail it, without a foreign doctor's prescription, and even when a prescription is produced, that he will only sell small quantities."

The Consular Authority will thereupon transmit the bond and the exact details of the amount to be imported to the Imperial Maritime Customs, and when the Imperial Maritime Customs have issued a special permit the consignment may be landed.

"Any infringement of the terms of the bond will render the offending party from ever obtaining permission in the future to import Morphine."

The Tariff duty to be levied on such importations will be reduced to five per cent ad valorem. If consignments are imported without a special permit, they will be confiscated by the Customs. Consignments already afloat previous to January 1st, 1909, will be granted a reasonable time limit, by the Imperial Maritime Customs, within which they may be imported, but such consignments will be subject to the present rate of duty and will not benefit by the reduced scale."

"Finally, whereas China agrees to prohibit the manufacture of morphine and appliances for its injection by Chinese tradespeople, the Powers also agree to prohibit the manufacture in China of morphine or appliances for its injection by any of their nationals."

The above articles represent the arrangements which were agreed upon between China and the Powers for prohibiting the morphine traffic and in communicating them to Your Excellency, I have the honour to request that they may be brought to the knowledge and attention of all British subjects.

While awaiting, also the honour of a reply, I avail, &c.,

PRINCE CHING.
British Legation,
Peking, 10th October, 1908.

Your Highness, the contents of 1908 Highness Note of September 28th to the effect that, the Treaty Powers having all agreed to its conditions, Article XI of the British Chinese Treaty of September 5th, 1902, on the subject of the prohibition of the importation of morphine, would be brought into force from January 1st, 1909, were submitted by me to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, by telegraph, and I am now in receipt of telegraphic instructions expressing the assent of His Majesty's Government to the course proposed by the Chinese Government.

Notification in this sense will be issued at all His Majesty's Consulates in China as soon as practicable.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Highness the assurance of my highest consideration.

J. N. JORDAN.

His Highness,
Prince Ching
&c. &c. &c.

NOTICES.

Colonial Secretary's Department.
No. 784.—The following Notification issued by H.B.M.'s Minister at Peking to H.B.M.'s Consuls at the Treaty Ports in China on the subject of the prohibition of the importation of morphine and instruments for its injection on and from the 1st January, 1909, is published for general information:

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
2nd November, 1908.

NOTIFICATION.

Under instructions received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the undersigned hereby notifies British subjects that His Majesty's Government has agreed to the enforcement from January 1st, 1909, of Article XI of the Treaty which was concluded between Great Britain and China at Shanghai on September 5th, 1902.

From January the 1st 1909, the importation of morphine, and instruments for its injection, into China will consequently be prohibited by the Chinese Government. Due provision will, however, be made for the importation into China of morphine and instruments for its injection for medicinal purposes, and all British subjects concerned are requested to ascertain without delay from the nearest British Consulate the method of procedure to be followed in that regard.

J. N. JORDAN.
H. B. M. Minister.
British Legation, Peking,
10th October, 1908.

DEURY LANE FROCKS.

CARNIVAL OF COLOUR.

The dresses worn by the actresses in the new Drury Lane drama, "The Marriages of Mayfair," a London paper says, are triumphs of art that will win universal admiration.

In the first scene at Rumpelmayer's among the most noticeable frocks was the Saxe blue Directoire dress worn by Mrs. Lancaster-Wallis as Lady Margaret Villiers. The whole beauty of the dress depended on its stately lines, which were emphasised by a deep fringe trimming in the same blue. Another was the exquisite gown in lilac-green, worn by Miss Marie Fera as Lily de Mario, with a yoke of old oxidised embroidery and finished with the new Directoire sash, knotted round the knees. It was cut with the daring tightness that created the sensation at the Grand Prix in Paris, when the wearers, said to be dress-makers' models, were jeered out of the arena. Drinking tea at a near table was Miss Eva Moore who personated the heroine, Dorothy Gore, and wore a gown full of soft lines made in apricot anion, which was daintily trimmed with a centure made of cord in wheel design. The sash, in the same shade, was tied in Watteau mode at the back.

A remarkable costume was worn by Miss Marie George as Bess Bissett. The skirt of purple over turquoise was worn with a quilt Directoire coat of rose du Barri woven with green stripes, and the bottom edged with deep, knotted fringe in the du Barri colour. Her hat of purple, measured two yards round, and was trimmed with blue and violet plumes and a cluster of pink roses.

In the third scene, in the stately gardens of Doermister Chase, Mrs. Lancaster-Wallis, as Lady Margaret Villiers, wore a dress of white crepe de Chine. A jet trimming gave her touches to the bodice, and fell likewise from the corsage to the hem of the skirt. Tied loosely the back was a sash of black Suzette falling ribbons was a crowning detail.

For sheer beauty in the massing of colours nothing could surpass the beautiful evening gowns of the guests on the Tower green. First came Miss Marjorie Doré, who as Lady Forlyce appeared in a gown in the new brilliant flamingo colour that seemed to reflect warmth even to the grim old battlements. Recalling the fine lines of the stately "Directoire," it was richly embroidered with oxidised tulle and chenille, and the clear-cut corsage was simply finished with embroidery.

Next was seen Miss Muriel Langley as Mrs. Anstruther, wearing a deep Venetian green silk robe under a black net overdress richly trimmed with sequins and pendeque fringe. Closely following came Miss Eva Moore (Dorothy Gore), the young hostess, in an exquisite robe. Made of Ninon in a soft, eucalyptus tone, revealing both grey and green notes, it had an under-robe of clouded fume metallic tissue, and was trimmed with opalescent embroidery on the bodice and down the left side. A flowing sash of the eucalyptus Ninon fell from the sleeves.

Lastly, there is the wedding scene, and the Tower Green is gay with uniforms and bright dresses, and in the sunshine comes the bride (Miss Eva Moore) in a beautiful bridal robe of softest satin in Directoire mode. The two sides of the bodice are faced with silver cord. An empiement of silver embroidery is carried right down the side, and the same embroidery decorates the bottom of the skirt. The long don't mix in a mass of double chiffon underlayers in high relief, with silver roses, oak leaves, thistles, and bunches of acorns. Following the bride are six stately bridesmaids, gowned in pair in three shades of wisteria blue, and wearing hats to match.

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 HAICHING, British str., 1267, W. C. Passmore, 18th Nov.—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow 17th Nov. General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
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 MAOCHANG, British str., 4276, G. W. Long, 18th Nov.—Yokohama via Ports General—Butterfield & Swire.
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 ORIEL, British str., 2206, G. Maddrell, 17th Nov.—Moji 12th Nov. Coal—Bradley & Co.
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CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 18th November.
 CHENON, British str., for Shanghai.
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 Meisam, French str., for Shanghai.
 Scandinavia, German str., for Shanghai.
 SLOANING, British str., for Hamburg.
 TIKING, Dutch str., for Canton.
 Tsimah, Dutch str., for Saigon.
 Triumph, German str., for Hailow.

DEPARTURES.

18th November.
 CHONG MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.
 KLEIST, German str., for Europe.
 KWANGTAI, Chinese str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Ching Wo reports: Heavy monsoon and heavy sea.
 The British str. Nansang reports: Strong N.E. gale to very heavy sea.
 The British str. Haiching reports: Strong N.E. monsoon, fine and clear.
 The British str. Suisang reports: Moderate to strong monsoon, clear and fine.
 The British str. Oriel reports: Strong N.E. winds and high seas in Formosa Channel.
 The British str. Sloaning reports: Strong monsoon, rough sea, fine and clear weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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 AMERICAN DOCK—Amoy.
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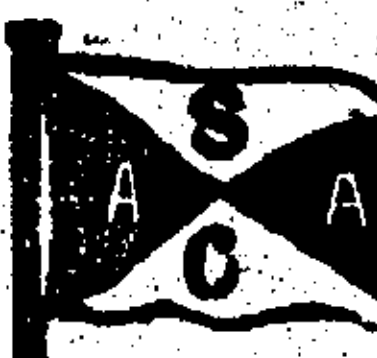
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 Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. 1574

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 Hongkong, 16th November, 1908. 1

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SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, HAVRE & ANTWERP	GIENNETRETT	Brit. str.	—	R. Webster	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 21st inst.
LONDON & C. VIA OVAL PORTS OF CALL.	OMANA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hilde, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 23rd inst., at Noon
LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	DENIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOMALI	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 2nd Dec.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SGOVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 8th Dec.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd Dec.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & BALTIC PORTS.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	Lascia	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Tomorrow
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	TURBANE	Fr. str.	—	N. Ohno	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KANAWA MARU	Jap. str.	k.w.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th inst., at Dlight
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SHONKA	Ger. str.	—	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Dec.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BAKATA MIBO	Jap. str.	—	F. v. Binzer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 9th Dec., at Dlight
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & CENHAGEN.	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	Berggallan	MELCHERS & Co.	End of December.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERE, GIBRALTAR &c.	PRINCE LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 2nd Dec.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Aus. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 23rd inst., at 6 P.M.
NEW YORK	BRABMAR	Aus. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 1st Dec.
NEW YORK	WEAY CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 15th Dec.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	TYDOR PRINCE	Aus. str.	2 m.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EXPRESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. Shotton	DOUGLAS, LAFRAIE & Co.	On 9th Dec., at Noon
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	W. Shotton	DOUGLAS, LAFRAIE & Co.	To-day.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA JAPAN.	SUEVIC	Brit. str.	—	S. Ishikawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	IYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. W. Lidy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Dec., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KIGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Jap. str.	1 m.	J. Minssen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Dec., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	MANILA	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th Dec., at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MIKRO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Dlight
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Noon
CHINGWANGTAO, JAPAN, AMERICA, &c.	MIKRO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst.
TIENTSIN VIA CHEFOO	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. McGlynn-Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at Dlight
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	R. Wilhelm	MELCHERS & Co.	About 18th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandesh	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NANSANG	Brit. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 21st inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHAOHUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SICILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DUMBEA	Brit. str.	—	Boyer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 23rd inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAKASAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Mooker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DEVANHA	Jap. str.	—	W. Hayward, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ISBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 17th Dec.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TRIPALONA	Dan. str.	k.w.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHONG MARU	Jap. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 25th inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHONKA	Jap. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 22nd inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DAIKU MARU	Jap. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIMAH	Jap. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KEWICROW	Brit. str.	1 m.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAITANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ZAPIRO	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LAMING	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YENSHANG	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	RUBY	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Middle of November.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BORKEO	Ger. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 21st inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 27th inst., at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CATERINE APCAR	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TILATAP	Dut. str.	—	McDougal	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	Quick despatch.

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FOR	STAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. WILHELM	About Wed. day, 13th November.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SHERRILL	Middle of November.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERE, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"PRINZ LUDWIG" Capt. V. BINZER	Wed. day, 2nd December.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SAMARAI, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"MANILA" Capt. J. MINSEN	Thursday, 3rd Dec., at Noon.

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SUVERIC	6235	W. Shotton	On 18th November.
KUMERIC	6282	F. S. Cowley	On 17th December.
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FOR	STAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"DUMBEA" Capt. Boyer	On 23rd Nov., P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"TOURANE" Capt. Laucellin	On 24th Nov., 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"ERNEST SIMONS" Capt. Girard	On 7th Dec., P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"ARMAND BEHO" Capt. Gironnet	On 8th Dec., 1 P.M.

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"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" 6000	SATURDAY, 16th Jan.	5th Feb. '09
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FROM	STEAMERS	TO	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, and YOKOHAMA	SICILIA	On 22nd Nov.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 26th Nov.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	OCEANA	Nov. 29th	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SOMALI	On 2nd Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	REMARKS
PAKHOI and HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 19th Nov., 8 A.M.	
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO, and TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOV"	On 19th Nov., 2 P.M.	
AMOI, MANILA, OEBU and ILOILO	"KATFONG"	On 20th Nov., 11 P.M.	
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	On 20th Nov., 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI	"SHAHSING"	On 21st Nov., 4 P.M.	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, OWENSBILLIE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and TASMANIA	"CHANGSHA"	On 23rd Nov., 4 P.M.	
NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TANING"	On 24th Nov., 4 P.M.	

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For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBÉ:	For MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. ISTRIA ... 5th Dec.	S.S. SITHONIA ... 4th Dec.
S.S. BARCELONA ... 17th Dec.	For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 27th Dec.	S.S. BEGOVIA ... 8th Dec.
S.S. SAXONIA ... 8th Jan., 09	For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
	S.S. SCANDIA ... 22nd Dec.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	REMARKS
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Friday, 20th Nov., 3 P.M.	
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 20th Nov., 4 P.M.	
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 21st Nov., Noon	
TIENTSIN VIA CHEFOO	"CHEONGSHING"	Sunday, 22nd Nov., 11 P.M.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 27th Nov., 1 P.M.	
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 27th Nov., 4 P.M.	

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES 1908.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	KANAGAWA MARU Capt. N. Ohno, Tons 8169	WED'DAY, 23rd Nov., at Daylight
YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and SHANGHAI	HAKATA MARU Capt. T. Murai, Tons 8161	WED'DAY, 8th Dec., at Daylight
YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and SHANGHAI	ITO MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 6920	TUESDAY, 24th Nov., at 4 P.M.
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